

Says 2 Shots Were Fired at Car

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Sirhan Brother Claims Attempt on Life

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PASADENA, Calif., July 3—Police are investigating a claim by Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, a brother of the man accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, that two shots were fired into his car.

Sirhan, 35, told policemen the shots came from one of two cars that followed him from Los Angeles to Pasadena on the Pasadena Freeway shortly before dawn.

One bullet struck a coat on the back seat of his car, Sirhan said. He told police he then ducked and a second bullet zipped past his head and buried itself in the door beside him.

A mile beyond where the shots were fired, Sirhan said, the two cars—both containing several men—turned off on side streets and he drove to Pasadena police headquarters.

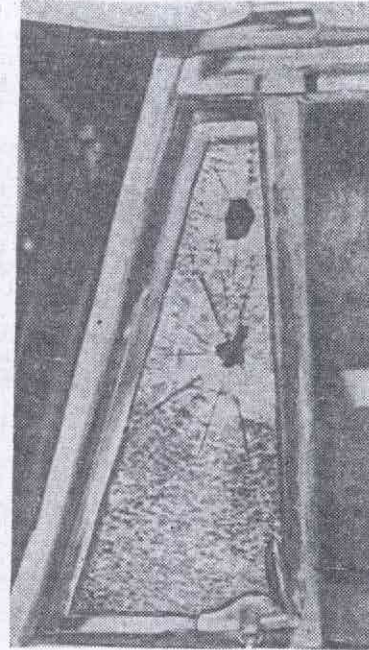
Sirhan's 24-year-old brother, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, is in County Jail awaiting trial on charges he shot Sen. Kennedy June 5 at the Ambassador Hotel.

Saidallah Sirhan is the second eldest of the five Sirhan brothers. He is single and unemployed, and has been living in a Pasadena apartment away



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Saidallah Sirhan yesterday.



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Punctured window in Sirhan auto.

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from the remainder of the Sirhan family.

Pasadena police urged Friday that he move into the family home, which is under heavy police guard.

Saidallah Sirhan told officers he had been in south Los Angeles early today in an unsuccessful attempt to contact a woman reporter from an underground newspaper.

He said he was returning home on the Pasadena Freeway in the downtown Los Angeles area at about 4:30 a.m. when he first noticed two cars following him.

One car, a white Volkswagen bus contained four men, he said, and the other, a green 1959 Chevrolet, contained three men.

After following him for about six miles, he said, the two cars pulled alongside his, the Volkswagen on the right, the Chevrolet on the left.

Without warning, a man in

the bus—possibly the driver—pointed a pistol at him and fired one shot, Sirhan said.

The shot shattered the right wind wing of his car and buried itself in a coat on the back seat, he said.

Sirhan said he threw himself to the right, seconds be-

fore another shot crashed through the wind wing and struck the door beside him.

He said he then drove to police headquarters, about a mile away.

Police said they recovered two bullets from the car, both .38 caliber. After checking the vehicle, they returned it to Sirhan's apartment home, where it was parked in a garage.

Officers then took Sirhan on a careful retracing of his route in an attempt to gather further evidence.

Saidallah Sirhan entered the United States from his native Jordan in June, 1960, nearly a year after his mother and three of his brothers—including Sirhan Sirhan—had immigrated here.

He filed a petition for naturalization on Nov. 27, 1967—the only member of his family to apply—but his naturalization was postponed on June 7 of this year when a U.S. District Court decided to investigate reports of alleged traffic violations.